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CLC Executive, Law, Investigating Committees Elected

REPORT To Our Readers - Owners

'RELENTLESS'
"Relentless pressures to conform" are growing stronger in American life, Senator Fulbright of Arkansas said recently.

Big Business is reaching down into the universities and telling "students how they should behave if they wish to be employed" when they are graduated, he said.

The Senator supplied proof of this. He read aloud to his audience the following from a Socony (Standard Oil Company of New York) personnel pamphlet, circulated at Princeton University:

"Personal views can cause a lot of trouble. The 'isms' are out. Business being what it is, it naturally looks with disfavor on the wild-eyed radical or even the moderate pink."

UNION-ISM

It's easy to guess that trade unionism and Americanism of the Jefferson - Jackson - FDR type are among the "isms" that are "out" in the little black book of Socony.

The Princeton Alumni Weekly quoted the priceless Socony statement in the course of an article discussing undergraduate apathy toward political and social problems. If they're apathetic that's just what Socony wants. If they're morose or idiotic, still better!

"Personal views can cause a lot of trouble." What kind of views is one supposed to have? Impersonal views turned out by a Univac machine?

Let's be careful that we don't begin demanding that all trade union members eschew personal views and adopt mental Univacs instead.

TISN'T JUST JOE!

It isn't just Joe McCarthy, said Fulbright, that's the trouble: it's having 10 states with not a single one of their cities having competing newspapers; two dozen advertisers accounting for 50% of radio networks' income; so that "the general effect is that people hear, see, watch, and listen to only one side of public questions."

And that "one side" wants us to elect a military grin to the White House and to have no "personal views"!

Registration Deadline For Oakland Voters

If you're not on the Great Register of Voters—and if you failed to vote in both the primary and general elections of 1954, your name has been removed—then here is the deadline for the Oakland elections this spring:

Oakland deadline: You must register by Thursday, February 24 in order to be eligible to vote in the April 19 primary election.

There won't be any deputy registrars around so you'll have to register either at City Hall or the County Courthouse.

Print Specialties 382 To Elect Exec Board

Six Executive Board members and two delegates to the Central Labor Council will be selected today (Friday) at an all-day election held by Printing Specialties 382.

Running for the Executive Board are Eileen Anderson (Incumbent), Sylvester Balemi (Inc.), Santi Belanchia, Gordon Bennington (Inc.), Dick Clark (Inc.), Mary Ellen Curren, Ray Geiger (Inc.), Charlotte Kohler, Henry Less, Andy Liotta, George Pella, Sam Robbins, Henry Ruff, Annie Sastini and Robert Williams (Inc.).

Nominees as Central Labor Council delegates are Kendall Cahill, Ray Geiger (Inc.), and Charles Wyckoff (Inc.).

OFFICIAL NOTICES

The following unions will find notices of important meetings called by their officers on page 3 of this issue of the Journal.

**HAYWARD PAINTERS 1178
& BARTENDERS 823
CEMENT MASONS 594
STEAMFITTERS 342**

Childers Reports Progress Made at Safety Conference

J. L. Childers, Building Trades Council business representative, reported this week on encouraging progress made at the 5th Annual Governor's Safety Conference which he attended last week in Los Angeles.

On the credit side, he said, was the fact that out of 61 specific safety recommendations suggested last year, the 1955 conference could report that it had completed action on 27, was in the process of completing 17 others, and was continuing work on another 7. Only 10 recommendations had failed to get any action, Childers added.

Another encouraging sign, said Childers, was the conference's action in splitting its overall construction committee along craft lines so as to speed the study of safety problems.

Each separate craft committee, Childers explained, will have both union and employer representatives "so that recommendations coming from will be more specific and meaningful."

Another piece of information Childers took away from the conference was the advice to all building trades unions to incorporate into all their contracts clauses from the State Safety Orders which apply to their respective crafts.

"If you do this," he said, "you'll have legal power to enforce the safety orders for your craft without going to extra trouble and red tape."

On the debit side, according to Childers, was a speech delivered to the conference delegates by Gov. Goodwin Knight.

"The governor made his usual fine talk and had pretty nearly everybody in tears by his heartfelt sympathy for the poor unemployed workers of California," said Childers derisively, then added:

"But I haven't seen him or his man Burkett (State Employment Director) do anything to alleviate the lot of those he was cravering about."

FIREMAN ON CARPET

On-the-job alertness by a council delegate coupled with an assist by the Oakland city manager has resulted in the suspension of a city fireman for violating department rules against working for pay while off-duty.

The case started early this year when Charles Geroni, Linoleum Layers 1290, discovered the fireman laying carpet for a floor covering contractor. Geroni was successful in getting the employer to sign a statement saying he had paid the man for a full day's work.

Thus armed, Geroni brought the matter to the attention of Childers who forwarded a work-violation complaint to the city manager's office.

Early this week Childers received a letter from City Manager Wayne E. Thompson advising of the disciplinary action taken against the work rule violator.

SATURDAY SPOT CHECKS

On a related subject, the council indicated that it will soon reinstate its Saturday spot checks of local job sites in an effort to stop non-union construction work.

COUNCIL GUEST

Charles Artman, western states representative for the Sheet Metal Workers International Union, sat in as a guest of the council this week. Artman, who covers Arizona, California and Nevada for his union, was introduced to the delegates by Lloyd Child, Sheet Metal Workers 216.

CONTRACTOR SIGNS

Secretary John Davy announced the signing this week of a council contract by Ed Jarvis, pipe line contractor.

Divine's Name Is Dropped by State

The day after Lester J. Divine resigned as Oakland's police chief this week just before he was scheduled to appear before the grand jury to explain this and that, it was stated in Sacramento that Divine is out of the running for the job of San Francisco area liquor control director.

State Liquor Director R. S. Munro said the dropping of Divine's name had nothing to do with the scandals at present smogging up the Oakland cop cohorts.

Divine said he quit because of ill health; Captain Wyman W. Vernon succeeds him.



IAM OLD-TIMER HONORED—Walter W. Cartmell, a charter member and first business representative of IAM Tool & Die Makers 1176, is shown above (center) surrounded by well-wishers who turned out to honor him at a union-sponsored testimonial dinner held at the Leamington Hotel last Saturday. The four well-wishers include, from left to right, O. W. Berkebile, a long-time IAM member (49 years); John J. King, IAM Grand Lodge Representative, Oakland Regional Office; Roy M. Brown, IAM Grand Lodge Vice President, from Los Angeles; and Henry E. Billings, Local 1176 president. (Photo courtesy of Oakland Tribune).

IAM Tool & Die Makers 1176 Honor Old-Timers at Testimonial Banquet

Some 300 unionists and friends jammed into the Leamington Hotel last Saturday night to take part in a gala testimonial banquet sponsored by IAM Tool & Die Makers 1176 on behalf of their old-time members and apprentice graduates.

Chief recipient of the testimonial affair was Walter W. Cartmell, a charter member and first business representative of Local 1176. Cartmell, now retired, was presented with a \$400 check as a small token of the Local's appreciation for Cartmell's services as business representative from 1937 to 1946.

His wife received a silver tray. Both presentations were made by Henry W. Billings, Local 1176 president.

Roy W. Brown, general vice-president of IAM Grand Lodge, arrived here from his Los Angeles headquarters to participate in the affair as the principal speaker. Brown also took part in the presentation of awards to veteran unionists with 25, 35 and 45 years of IAM membership.

Among these honored veterans were O. W. Berkebile, 45 years; John T. Aabel, Armin Green and Antonio Puricelli, 35 years; and R. E. Geisert, Albert W. LaPointe, Nick Shalaeff, Alfred Nerger and Packey Bracken, 25 years.

Sign Union Contract, We'll Serve as Models, CTU Girls Tell Store

A brilliantly conceived plan for stimulating trade at a local department store died abortively last week when a group of union girls learned that the store was carrying on the "Unfair List" of East Bay Labor Journal.

The plan, conceived in the fertile brains of the store's publicity staff, called for the staging of a fashion model contest on Valentine's Day by using as models girls employed at local Western Union offices. All of the girls participating in the contest were promised prizes with a special prize offered to the winner.

Many of the Western Union girls had indicated a desire to enter the contest, until they learned that the store was unfair to labor.

It seems that the prospective models are all members of AFL Commercial Telegraphers Local 208, a real labor-minded organization headed by President Larry Ross.

In respectfully declining the store's offer to enter the contest, the girls did offer a suggestion on how to hold the contest as scheduled. Their suggestion to the store management was for the store to sign a union contract with Department & Specialty Store Employees 1265.

Pay Raise Small, Ruin Of P. O. Standards Big

The National Federation of Post Office Clerks says of the GOP Administration bill on postal pay:

In addition to providing increases of only \$210 per annum for most post office clerks while providing increases running into the hundreds of thousands of dollars for those in the upper salary brackets, the bill would destroy many of the standards that have been established through the years.

Strike Looms as Paint Firms Here Shun Arbitration

The Strike Strategy Committee of Paint Makers 1101 has drawn up battle plans for the waging of a successful strike against paint manufacturers here following the rejection by the employers' group of a union request for arbitration of a dispute involving a wage increase.

In their reply to the union's request for arbitration, the employers' wrote, "We feel it more desirable that issues in dispute should be resolved through direct negotiations rather than through arbitration."

Jack Kopke, Local 1101 representative, scoffed at this reply, declaring that "the employers seem to feel that direct negotiations on their part mainly consist in saying 'No!' to the Union's requested contract changes."

Kopke pointed out to East Bay Labor Journal that Local 1101 has tried every peaceful approach to a settlement of the dispute which has already been under discussion for two months past the contract expiration date.

The Alameda County Central Labor Council's Executive Board last Friday appointed a 5-man committee with full power to act in the dispute. The committee members include CLC Secretary Robert S. Ash, Frank DeMartini, Teamsters 70; Les Moore, Auto & Ship Painters 1176; Russ Mathiesen, Department & Specialty Stores 1265; and W. D. Nicholas, Warehousemen 853.

Among the paint manufacturing firms involved in the dispute who are represented by United Employers Inc. are the Albrite Paint Co., American Chemical Paint Co., The Armstrong Co., Caldwell Paint Co., Crown Paint Manufacturing Co., Frank W. Blicke, Louis R. Butler, Ernest Carpio, Sidney Cohen, Alex DeKnoop, Walter Debold, Jack Jensen, Earl Jones, Herbert Keller, Louis Keller, R. G. Leishman, Charles Moore, Sten Nilsson, Victor Oneto, Robert Plant, R. Rabehl, T. F. Smith, T. E. Soderlund, John Strebel, Karl B. Thournd, Frank Uher, Louis Weber, Hans Weinreich, and Hans Zimmermann.

Charles Hanna, assistant chief of the Division of Apprenticeship Standards for the State of California, was on hand to award completion certificates to apprentice graduates.

Specialty Unions Confer on Plans

About thirty executive board members and organizers of the Western Conference of Specialty Unions held an interesting 2-day session here last week discussing organizing problems and working out union policy on health and welfare and pensions for coming negotiations, it was reported here by John Ferro, secretary-treasurer of Printing Specialties 382.

International Union Vice President Walter J. Turner and General Representative George Baker, representing International President Thomas Dunwoody, were the principal guests at the conference held in the Leamington Hotel during February 3-4.

In addition to Ferro, other Local 382 officers attending were Marshall Thorpe, president and business representative; Marshall Smith, vice-president and business representative; and Rose Brown, business representative.

Shelley has always been reckoned one of the most thoroughgoing and courageous liberals in the AFL. He carries his card in San Francisco Bakery Drivers No. 484, and he didn't get it as a courtesy, but by driving a truck loaded with bread and pie, with his father before him as a longshoreman in the days when they loaded ships with their muscles, and Jack himself a good Mission lad with a neat pair of fists, begorra.

VERN PANKEY, secretary-treasurer of Cannery Workers 750, was back at his desk this week after attending the Governor's Safety Conference in Los Angeles on February 3 and 4. Pankey is co-chairman of the Manufacturing Division of the Safety Conference.

Kansas Editor Takes Hide off 'Right to Work' Argument

Charles Geroni, financial secretary, Linoleum Layers 1290, calls attention to an editorial appearing in the *Iola, Kansas Register*, as one of the most complete answers to the open shop crowd's "right to work" propaganda that has been printed anywhere. The editorial headed "What Rights?" was reprinted in the AFL Building Trades Department's Bulletin, as follows:

I like to argue the unpopular or under-dog side of a question just to see if some unexpected truth can't be flushed out. So let's take another swing at a single angle of the right-to-work (open shop) bill.

The main argument of those in favor of the bill is that a man should have the inherent "right" to hold a job with or without joining a union, that this is an important personal "freedom" which should not be denied.

Well, let's look at the other side of the coin. Let's see what "rights" a worker enjoys if he enters a nonunion shop?

Results Announced 1:45 a.m. After Long Hours of Counting

The five-member Election Committee appointed by Central Labor Council President John F. Quinn worked until 1:45 Tuesday morning counting the ballots cast Monday evening for three standing committees of the council.

The committees were: Law & Legislative, Investigating, and Executive & Arbitration. They were elected for a one-year term.

The officers of the council having been nominated without opposition, had been declared reelected for three-year terms, and the list of those so reelected was published in the February 4 issue of East Bay Labor Journal. Previously the officers had one-year terms, but a change in the constitution was made recently providing for three-year terms.

The results of Monday's election of standing committees follow:

LAW & LEGISLATIVE
Those elected to the 5-man group were:
Robert S. Ash, CLC secretary 176 votes
Jeffery Cohelan, Milk Drivers 302—152
Les Benham, Bakery Drivers 432—145
Joseph W. Chaudet, Typographical 36—137
H. J. Badger, Cooks 228—122

Other candidates were:
Pete Ceremello, Paint Makers 1101—87
William A. Spooner, Culinary 31—78

Of those elected, the following were incumbents: Ash, Badger, Benham.

INVESTIGATING
Those elected to the 5-man group were:
Floyd Attaway, Hayward Bartenders & Culinary Workers—159
Joseph Hightower, Carpenters 36—155
E. F. McNamara, Fire Fighters 55—136
A. J. Hayes, Automotive Machinists 1546—128

Other candidates were:
James Murphy, Bartenders 23—119
Herbert Sims, Engineers 39—67

Of those elected the following were incumbents: Attaway, Hightower, McNamara.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Those elected to the 15 group were:
Al Brown, Milk Drivers 302—181
Les Moore, Auto & Ship Painters 1176—178
Les Benham, Bakery Drivers 432—177
Edna Lallement, Building Service 18—176
Harris Wilkin, Food Clerks 870—173
Eddie Maney, Laundry Workers 2—172
Roy Woods, Hayward Bartenders & Culinary Workers 823—155
Frank DeMartini, Teamsters 70—155
John Ferro, Printing Specialties 382—155
Pat Sander, Cooks 228—153
Russell Crowell, Cleaners 23—151
Vern Stambaugh, Carmen 192—147
Edrie Wright, Culinary 31—134
Thomas Connor, Warehousemen 853—131
Bud Williams, Automotive Machinists 1546—125

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S. E. Thornton, Butchers 120—88
Joseph Seane, Chemical Workers 62—70

Of those elected, all were incumbents except DeMartini, Connor, Williams.

ELECTION COMMITTEE
The Election Committee, which had such a long ordeal of counting the ballots, was composed of the following:
George Hunt, Milk Drivers 302
Mille Castelluccio, Laundry Workers 2
Frank Farro, Warehousemen 853
Ruth Booker, Cleaners 23
Steve Revilak, Bartenders 52.

**Milk Drivers 302
C. U. Reports on
Membership Gains**

Officers of the Milk Drivers & Dairy Employees Local 302 Credit Union reported at the annual C. U. membership meeting on January 27 a phenomenal growth in members, assets and profits following one year's operation.

According to figures released as of December 31, 1954, the credit union showed a gain of better than 50% in sharehold members, an increase in total assets of better than 250% and a net profit of better than 200% over the figures listed a year ago.

The actual figures were as follows:
Increase in members from 256 to 394
Increase in total assets from \$30,945 to \$77,671
Increase in net profits from \$1,404 to \$3,201.

The C. U., established early in 1953 under a State charter, is open to all unionized employees of the dairy industry. Among its special features, besides its low interest rates, is an insurance clause which guarantees to the wife of a deceased member that she will get double the amount her husband put into the fund up to \$1,000.

In addition, the C. U. has what it calls a Mortgage Cancellation Plan which automatically writes off any loan a member holds in the event he dies or becomes totally disabled.

The local C. U. is managed by a board of directors composed of officers and members of Local 302, a credit committee which approves or rejects all loans, and a supervisory committee which acts as auditor of the organization's books. Also, all C. U. books are audited annually by State bank examiners.

**Which Two Days Off Is
Issue In Bakery Trade**

Bakery Drivers 432 is engaged in a controversy with some of the big bakeries over the days off that are to be taken, whether they shall fall on Saturdays and Sundays or on other days.

Langendorf and Continental have gone to court in the dispute.

As a matter of fact, it could be argued that joining a union, even under compulsion, actually widens his area of liberty because, through his union, he will then be able to bargain for and receive many "rights" (seniority, advancement, severance pay, fringe benefits and the like) which his employer would never grant voluntarily. So let's quit this pious concern about the worker's "right" to free-ride the union in the plant where he is employed and at least be fair and realistic about the true nature of the issue involved.

That issue, as I said yesterday, is simply whether unions should be weakened by a law which would take the union shop away from them. It is a big issue. But it has no easy answer. But it should be argued on its merits, not confused with academic discussions of "rights" which never existed in the first place.

HOW TO BUY Catastrophe Insurance

By SYDNEY MARGOLIS
Labor Consumer Advisor for Labor Journal

Newest trend in commercial accident and health insurance is toward so-called "deductible," "catastrophe" or "major medical" insurance. In this type of policy you pay the cost of illness up to a certain amount. Over that, the company pays the cost up to the limit set in the contract. This is much like the familiar deductible collision insurance on a car.

Many commercial insurance companies are now bringing out such policies for both individual and group coverage. In fact, catastrophe insurance can be considered the insurance industry's answer to the widespread public desire for protection against medical disaster, and the general complaint that sickness insurance sold by commercial companies are too expensive for the limited benefits provided.

Unfortunately, the answer is seriously incomplete.

Prices of such deductible insurance are naturally less than for more comprehensive policies, since you pay all ordinary medical expense. Here is a typical policy. It pays 80 percent of the insured family's medical expense up to a limit of \$5000, but not those expenses of a sickness which are less than \$250, \$500 or \$1000, according to the policy bought. The cost for a family of the \$250-deductible policy is \$91.20 if the oldest person in the family is not over 34; \$112.80 if between 35 and 49, and \$176.40 if between 50 and 60.

The real catastrophe in catastrophe insurance is that it does not insure, and thus discourages, the ordinary medical care which families require, and in actual practice may thus lead to some disasters the insurance purports to protect against.

The insurance companies consider they have a pretty good idea in deductible policies, because, as one insurance-company official put it, "Full reimbursement tends to encourage over-use of available medical facilities."

But as the Medical Information Survey and other impartial authorities have found, moderate-income families don't get enough medical care, let alone "over-use" it.

The real problem is that the average wage-earner's earnings of \$3750 a year leave him only \$185 for all medical expenses, assuming he spends the typical five percent. But if you spend \$100 a year for catastrophe insurance, you have only about \$85 left for all other medical expenses—care in ordinary illnesses, dental bills, ordinary medicines, etc. It is impossible, of course, to cover ordinary illnesses and dental care for \$85 a year.

Household Hints

Spots and Stains

To remove grease spots from wallpaper, make a paste by mixing Fuller's earth on French chalk with carbon tetrachloride. Allow to dry thoroughly, then brush off. Test an inconspicuous place to make sure the colors won't bleed.

Use a dry dust mop or a brush on your waxed floors; an oil mop tends to soften wax and make it smeary.

To remove a green spinach stain from a tablecloth or napkins; moisten the spot, rub it well with soap, and bleach it in the sun. Then launder the piece as usual in hot soapsuds.

A seal of cleanliness will soon identify rugs or carpet of proved cleanliness. Many new kinds of rugs and carpets are cleanable, but some can't be cleaned satisfactorily, or require special cleaning methods. The seal has been started by the National Institute of Rug Cleaning, a nonprofit trade organization.

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United Employers Take a Few Cracks At Ways of Unions

United Employers, Inc., has issued its report on activities for the year 1954. The report is signed by E. A. Woodside, general manager and vice president. During the year United Employers' negotiators handled or assisted in a total of 149 negotiations, 35 of them on a multi-employer basis.

Woodside's comment on the national situation in 1954 is: "At the end of the year, nationally speaking, only 10% of settlements provided for no wage increases, and most clustered between 4 cents and 9 cents an hour, with 5 cents as the most common raise. Additional fringe benefits were also involved in two-thirds of these settlements."

GRIEVANCES

Over a hundred grievances were processed during the year by United Employers, the report says, adding:

"None resulted in work stoppages, and only one in arbitration. While the large majority of the grievances were caused by disputes over vacation, discharge, and holiday rights, we also resolved difficult problems involving health and welfare plans, work jurisdiction, and security."

Three arbitrations in which the organization participated are cited: "one in the Cemetery Furniture Manufacturing Company... the third the Simon Hardware Company."

The two largest strikes cited were "in the Paper Box Industry and the Bay Area Cementeries."

A crack at labor unions is taken in the following paragraph:

"We also represented our members in several instances of 'organizational' or 'stranger' picketing. This practice occurred when unions picketed places of business—regardless of the fact that they did not represent any employees! The most deplorable examples of this occurred in the Motel Industry and at the new Eden Hospital near Castro Valley."

PICKETING

The report goes on to contend that "organizational picketing is a vicious practice which ignores a basic policy in collective bargaining — that the employees have the free choice to join, or not to join, a labor organization."

Speaking of the National Labor Relations Board the report says that "regrettably we feel the board severely tightened its requirements for taking jurisdiction. Thus many of our members have been eliminated from the protections of the Taft-Hartley Act—without the benefit of State laws governing collective bargaining and representation."

Credit is taken for representing employers when workers filed claims for wages against employers: "The worth of a union employer group is reflected in the fact that regardless of the size of a claim we were able to defend and protect our members, and other employers, against dangerous precedents."

Credit is also taken for knocking down unemployment insurance claims alleged to have been unwarranted:

"Typical of what every conscientious employer can do in reducing the unemployment tax rate, we scored 90% in combatting what we considered to be unwarranted or fraudulent claims. We hope in 1955 our members will use our unemployment insurance services to a greater extent."

OAKLAND TEACHERS ASSN. (company union) this week asked for an average 4% pay increase during the next fiscal year.

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Rumford Committee Says Fluoridation Is Best Handled by Communities

Assemblyman W. Byron Rumford (D., Berkeley) as chairman of an interim subcommittee has announced that the group recommends that local communities make their own choice as to whether the water supply of the community should be fluoridated.

Rumford said the weight of expert testimony taken at hearings by the subcommittee favored fluoridation on the ground that children drinking fluoridized water all their lives have much fewer tooth cavities than those in untreated water.

The subcommittee reported that a "small, very vocal group of citizens is strongly opposed to fluoridation."

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More Measures Put In For AFL Listed By Neil Haggerty

Last week East Bay Labor Journal summarized the provisions of a number of bills sponsored by the State Federation of Labor and introduced at the preliminary session of the Legislature which ended January 21. These bills will be pressed in the session opening February 28.

Following are proposals in additional AFL-sponsored bills as announced by State Fed Secretary C. J. Haggerty:

WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION

Retroactive payment of waiting period benefits if disability lasts over 7 days, instead of 49 days.

Full coverage to domestic workers on compulsory basis.

Disability insurance indemnity liens, against benefits granted under workmen's compensation, confined to compensations for temporary disability.

Full coverage to agricultural workers on compulsory basis.

Rehabilitation training and payment of full benefits during training.

Employer required to file proof that he has posted notice of insurance carrier in conspicuous place.

Reimbursement of transportation costs of employees required to submit to medical examination.

Free choice of doctor at expense of employer.

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Time and a half for all State employees required to work overtime.

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Removes presumption that statement of causes filed by an agency is true in disciplinary proceedings against State civil service employees.

Payment to State employees for damaged uniforms.

Statutory minimum wage of \$1.25 an hour for both men and women.

Collective bargaining rights for employees of municipal public utilities; and for employees of hospital districts.

No interference with fire fighters' right to join union.

Collective bargaining rights for all public employees.

State Apprenticeship Council to have 6 representatives instead of 4 from labor and management; and two instead of one from public.

1500 hours instruction instead of 1000 for beginners in barber schools.

Cosmetologists to practice under immediate supervision of licensed manager-operator; licensed cosmetologist prohibited from independent practice during first year of license.

Those introducing the various measures were: Democratic Assemblymen Jesse M. Unruh, Los Angeles; Augustus F. Hawkins, Los Angeles; Wanda Sankary, San Diego; Frank G. Bonelli, Los Angeles; Charles W. Meyers, San Francisco; Eugene Nisbet, Upland; Carlos Bee, Hayward; William A. Munnell, Montebello; Wallace D. Henderson, Fresno; Edward E. Elliott, Los Angeles; Edward M. Gaffney, San Francisco; and Thomas J. Doyle, Los Angeles.

In the upper house companion bills were introduced by Democratic Senators Edw. J. Regan, Weaverville; and Richard Richards, Los Angeles.

STATE TAXPAYERS Assn. says Governor Knight is mistaken in thinking new taxes are needed, and proposes instead that there be reorganization of program for school and the assistance to needy persons.

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News About Women

Labor Leader

Womans Labor Leader, the autobiography of Agnes Nestor, published posthumously, is the most recent of a series of biographical studies dealing with the great contribution made to the improvement of working conditions for women by a dynamic group of women who organized the Women's Trade Union League 50 years ago.

In order to obtain a complete picture of this era, and the role played by these women one should read, in addition to Miss Nestor's book, Woman at Work, the autobiography of Mary Anderson; The Impatient Crusader, The Biography of Florence Kelly, and The Biography of Margaret Dreier Robins, the indomitable leader for many decades of the Women's Trade Union League.

The rise of Agnes Nestor from a humble worker in a glove factory to the positions of international officer of the Glove Workers' Union, the presidency of the Chicago Women's Trade Union League, membership in the American Labor Mission to Europe during World War I, has the marks of a truly American success story.

High Court to Rule on 60-Day Strike Notice

WASHINGTON (AFL News)—The Supreme Court agreed to rule on whether the Taft-Hartley Act permits employees to strike without giving 60 days notice when they are protesting an employer unfair practice.

The case involves the Mastro Plastics Corp. and French-American Reeds Mfg. Co., both of New York. The companies, according to the NLRB, tried to force the employees to quit the Carpenters and join the AFL Paper Workers. Some of the employees opposed the proposal, one was fired, after which others walked out. The firms then informed the strikers they had lost their jobs because they had violated the "no-strike" provision of the contract.

Both the NLRB and the Appeals Court held the strike was justified despite a no-strike provision in the contract, and the Taft-Hartley provision requiring a 60-day notice for a strike. Both held that neither provision applied because the companies had engaged in "unlawful interference with employee self-organizational rights."

MANUEL DE GUZMAN, a member of Cooks 228, passed away here on February 6 leaving a son, Gary, and two cousins, Primo Guarin and John De Guzman.

CECIL ANTHONY ROLLER, a member of Iron Workers 378 and a World War 2 veteran, died in Vallejo on January 31 at age 33 leaving his widow, Beverly; a daughter, Terrie Lynn; a son, Randal Ray; his mother, Mrs. Lula Roller; and sisters, Mrs. Mary Pack, Mrs. Jo Ann Simmons, Mrs. Helen Morgan and Mrs. Vivian Eudaly.

NOAH AARON SMITH, a member of Millmen 550, passed away in San Andreas on February 7 at age 68. Survivors include his widow, Emma L.; a son, John K.; a daughter, Gudie Santos; and four grandchildren.

AFL Men Appointed To Commerce Unit

For the first time since the founding of the Oakland Chamber of Commerce, a group of local AFL leaders will be represented on an important Chamber committee.

The AFL men, each of whom has accepted an appointment to the Chamber's Shipbuilding Committee, are A. F. Bartholomew, business representative of Shipyard Laborers 888 and vice president of Bay Cities Metal Trades Council; Les Moore, business representative of Auto & Ship Painters 1176; Roy Boiler, business manager of Boilermakers 39; and Bill Smock, business representative of Electricians 595. The appointments run until June 30.

The Shipbuilding Committee, according to the Chamber's announcement, performs the function of working closely with the Pacific Coast Sub-Committee of the Marine & Fisheries Committee of Congress in securing shipbuilding and repair work for Eastbay shipyards.

Ike's Sympathies Are Always With Employers, Teamster Paper States

Yes, Ike is running true to form in his appointments to the NLRB, which means his selections are strictly hostile to the Unions. Look at his nomination of a Chicago lawyer to be general counsel for the board.

Ike's nominee, one Theophil C. Kammholz, is an employer attorney. Chicago Union representatives say they went to see Kammholz about a Union legal matter one day, and a few days later found him 'championing' the very employer the Union was fighting. Kammholz says he doesn't remember.

Senators Douglas, Murray and Lehman are opposing the confirmation of Kammholz but the Republican machine in the Senate is for him, and Ike is insisting.

The important thing to remember is that Eisenhower is proving, day after day in his appointments, that his sentiments are with the employers, not the working people—Washington Teamster.

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Women in This World

By EDITH McCONN

ON WHAT PLANET in outer space do our fashion writers and designers dwell? Evidently it is a place where all females are slightly under size twelve!

At the beginning of every season it is declared that the figure must be "stem-like."

It is true that there ARE some "stem-like" or "string-bean" figures. They mostly belong to kids in their teens with little or no money to spend.

The gals with the fat pocket-books are more likely to be size forty!

Of course, they no doubt live in hopes! After all, tomorrow they are going to start on that wonderful, wonderful diet—I.

In the meantime they live in a happy dream of the "zephyr line" the "silver-slim," the "Willow as a flower stem," type of gown.

In addition, the fashion writers, to the bewilderment of most of us, have developed a vocabulary which would seem to have no relation to the subject of clothes.

Here are some samples of this high-powered jargon: little, important, sophisticated, cool look of vanilla ice cream, gently tailored, gently curved, gently mannered, fabulous, entertaining, dramatic, casual, understatement, underscored.

Most women, in a pre-shopping trance, are not going to look up these words in a dictionary. If they did, they might get pretty confused.

Other mortals, not in this trance, must wonder what goes. And then conclude that some pretty smart cookies must earn some pretty good cash thinking up this fantastic line of gobbledegook.

S. F. Food Clerks File NLRB Charge

The strike of San Francisco Grocery Clerks 648 against some stores, and the lockout of the workers in others, had been under way a week today (Friday.) Many stores have already signed improved contracts with the union. Secretary Claude Jinkerson has filed with the NLRB charges that "threats of boycott and economic pressure" have been used to force stores to lock out workers.

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Painters Expect New Pact Pay Hike

By HUGHIE RUTLEDGE
Another meeting of the Bay Area business representatives held on Tuesday of this week and much discussion and changes in the agreement, particularly in regards to wages. Seems as though practically all the representatives are of the opinion that wages are the most important part of our activities with various changes in a few clauses, such as clearing up the welfare fund, etc., taking second place. As the brothers are aware, for the first time in 10 years or more the compulsory arbitration clause has been removed from the agreement and we are now in a position to take economic action to enforce reasonable changes in wages without the necessity of trading like a bunch of horsestraders.

As these notes are typed for the press on Tuesday we are unaware of what discussion will take place at our meeting of Thursday the 10th but we assume that a good many recommendations will come from that meeting and also on the next meeting of February 24.

Brother (Bill) Mulhare was confined in East Oakland Hospital for a few days but should be back to work the end of this week. With the exception of Brother Arnone who we reported on last week we know of no other brother hospital confined at this time.

Our present local death insurance policy has had a bad experience rating during the past year and the trustees and executive board is presently meeting with representatives of the insurance companies for a renewal of this policy which expires April 30, 1955.

Still working on the preventive medicine program which we mentioned last week. This program will give medical examination to dependents without cost and will be covered under that section of the health and welfare program called laboratory benefits. Any of the wives or children of our eligible members who have medical ills such as tiredness, run down condition, sleeplessness, consistent coughs, colds, swellings, heart trouble, excess fatigue, or other complaints will be given an examination and told just what their physical condition is and what to do to prevent the condition from becoming worse. We are of the opinion that these examinations will find minor disorders that if taken care of at present may eliminate costly hospital, surgery and treatment bills later. This applies particularly to the wives, and also the kids. More on this later.

The next meeting of the local will be Thursday, February 24, at which time will be the final opportunity to bring up any changes you wish to be entered in the new agreement. Deadline for all proposals to be in the hands of the negotiators is March 1, 1955. Please attend and make your wishes known where they count.

16th Assembly Demos To Meet Here Feb. 16

A joint meeting of the 16th Assembly District Democrats, and the 16th Assembly District Precinct Organization will be held at the Piedmont School at Piedmont Avenue and John Street, on Wednesday, February 16, at 8 p.m.

The speakers will be C. D. Gibson and Mrs. Dorotea Greene, co-chairman of the 7th Congressional District, on the topic "Plans for 1955." The meeting is open to the public.

MARSHALL THORPE, president and business representative of Printing Specialties 382, and his wife, Mabel, celebrated their 18th wedding anniversary on February 1.

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Dressing Room Chatter

Theater Union Set For Pact Changes

By JOE CONNELLY
The current agreement between the majority of conventional run movie theaters and the union expires February 28, 1955.

At the regular meeting scheduled to be held February 17, 1955 the general membership will discuss improvements on the wage scale and working conditions.

It is your duty and obligation to attend this meeting to present your ideas and suggestions, to be embodied in the proposed new contract.

Your officers are ready and willing to serve you, but they rely on the membership to suggest improvements on the proposed new agreement.

Be sure and attend the meeting of February 17, at 11:30 p.m. to present your ideas in formulating the new agreement.

This is not just another meeting, it is a meeting that may mean dollars and cents in your pay check.

Up and down the aisle... Gail Duncan of the Laurel applying for membership... Nick Corbunoff leaving the Roxie for the U. S. Army... Dick Tolaro leaving the same spot for reason unknown... A fellow by the name of Gallagher is the new boy there... Returning to the turnstiles, puts George Ebeby back to work... Meredith Ralph... Robinson of the Vogue applying for reinstatement... Nancy Williams of the same house making application for membership... Former member George Daley, writing from Palikonda South India, to send regards to his friends... Bruce Edman observed doing a bang-up job on the door of the Hayward theater... Gordon Stoddard talking over old times with former fellow worker Robert French formerly of the Chimes... Tom Baptista of the Broadway coming into the union business office an hour after closing time to pay his dues... Barbara Paul and Jerry Fourme after going around together for months deciding to put everybody in a dither by getting spliced in Reno recently... Joyce Silva of the Fox-Oakland sending in an unsigned money order to pay her dues... Bob Bartelson of the Globe resigning to take another job in the east... Esther Kelly Steffins of the Paramount dining alone at the Stein Room.

Here's Where to Join
World Politics Course
Local residents interested in joining one of several adult discussion groups on World Politics being offered by the University Extension of the University of California at Berkeley are urged to register at any of the following places:

OAKLAND: Story Hour Room, Oakland Main Library, 125-14th St., course 10 Tuesday evenings from 8 to 10 p.m., starting March 1.
BERKELEY: Room 288, Dwinelle Hall, U. C. campus, 10 Monday evenings, 8 to 10 p.m., starting March 7.
BERKELEY: Canteen Room, Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave., 10 Thursday evenings, 8 to 10 p.m., starting March 10.

Object of the course is to help citizens think more soundly on basic issues of public policy. Registration fees are \$12 for individuals and \$18 for married couples.

December Nonfarm Jobs Almost Same as in 1954

December nonfarm employment in California was 3,951,200, says Bureau of Labor Statistics, only 500 below year ago; average weekly earnings for production workers in manufacturing industries was \$83.27 as compared to national average of \$74.12; average weekly hours 40.3.

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OFFICIAL NOTICES

Hayward Painters 1178
Our next regular meeting is dated Friday, February 18. We are using our new hall and it is a vast improvement over our old one. Come out to the meeting and look it over.
Fraternalty yours,
ROBERT G. MILLER,
Recording Secretary

Hayward Culinary Workers & Bartenders 823
This is to remind members of the above Local that our regular monthly meeting will be held on Thursday, February 17, with sessions scheduled on that day for 10 a.m., 2:30 p.m., and 4 p.m.
Fraternalty yours,
ROY WOODS,
Secretary-Treasurer.

Cement Masons 594
The next regular meeting of Cement Masons Local 594 to be held on Thursday, February 17, 1955, in Hall I of the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez St., Oakland, will be a special meeting.
Special order of business will be the election of delegates to the International convention and also for approving changes to our local constitution.
Fraternalty yours,
BRUCE DILLASHAW
Secretary

Steamfitters 342
At the Special Called meeting held on February 3, 1955, the membership voted to adopt the Resolution pertaining to an increase in dues. Effective March 1, 1955 the dues for all members will be increased \$1.00 per month.

Fraternalty yours,
JAMES MARTIN,
Business Manager

**People's World Reveals
Commie Unions Hunting
For Safe Cover, Please!**

The Commies are hunting for cover in the big labor federations, AFL or CIO or any port in a storm.
This recently adopted line is made clear — well, covered-up clear!—in the February 4 issue of the Communist Daily People's World in an article by Al Richmond, the paper's editor.

The article is headed: "The Independent Unions and Labor Unity: Merger of the AFL and CIO is in Prospect — Possibly This Year. What is in Store for Other Unions — Particularly those the CIO Expelled?"

It is of course "those the CIO expelled" with which the article is "particularly" concerned, as they are the unions which the CIO, after long enduring them, decided the only recipe for curing them was firing them.

Originally, as Richmond points out, 11 unions were kicked out in 1949-50, "and today five unions remain."

Those five, "still surviving and unaffiliated," are: International Longshoremen and Warehousemen's Union, Mine Mill & Smelter Workers, United Electrical Workers, American Communications Association, and the Fur and Leather Union.

Fur and Leather is now engaged in trying to get into the AFL Butchers. Presumably if they make it, it will only be after a purge of the Commie leaders whose exploits caused it to be fired by the CIO, but AFL President Meany has been examining the idea with a wary eye.

Richmond in his article in People's World skillfully wraps the need of these orphan unions for protection in a warm mantle of words about how CIO and AFL unions are seeking unity, and unions aren't going as well in unions in general since the "good old days" when the lefties were active in the unions, etc.

But the fact is that it has been known for some time to both AFL and CIO leaders that the Commies were hunting for cover. And now the People's World confirms it.

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Steamfitters Notes, Local 342

Steamfitters 342 Votes Dues Hike

By JIM MARTIN
With over five hundred members in attendance at the Special Called meeting held on February 3, 1955, those present voted to adopt the resolution calling for an increase in dues and an increase on initiation fee to one hundred seventy-five dollars on all new applicants.

Effective March 1, 1955 the dues for all members of this Union are to be increased one dollar (\$1.00) per month, covering Building Trades Journeymen, Metal Trades Journeymen and Apprentices. Also, any one making application for Building Trades Journeymen is to pay an initiation fee of one hundred seventy-five dollars (\$175.00).

Our next meeting will be held on February 17. We urge that you attend this meeting as the report of your delegate to the Fifth Statewide California Industrial Safety Conference, held in Los Angeles, will be heard.

**AFL News Service
Brief Dispatches**

SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION
program of \$500 million a year for two years proposed by Alabama Senator Lister Hill to meet desperate classroom shortage is strongly backed by AFL.

PLUG TAX LOOPHOLES now used by the well-to-do, and thereby trim Federal deficit, AFL tells Congress.

WELFARE-PENSION FUNDS covering over 11 million workers are in for intensive study by Congress to see if laws are needed to establish "effective standards and safeguards."

JOBLESS THIS YEAR will increase unless "bold and effective steps" are taken by the Government, says AFL Executive Council.

NATIONAL RIGHT TO WORK Committee formed by Southern industrialists to push for Congressional action to outlaw the union shop.

GOP ADMINISTRATION stands accused by AFL Executive Council of helping to break down wage standards of building craftsmen in contracts involving billions of dollars.

NLRB ACCUSED by AFL Executive Council of writing anti-labor decisions making changes by Big Business despite Congress' refusal to write the changes into law.

AFL PRESIDENT George Meany: "The Administration is pro-business. The interests of the workers are ignored, any statement by the President to the contrary notwithstanding."

UNEMPLOYMENT may reach 3 1/2 or 4 million in February or March unless consumer spending is sharply increased by Government and business policies, says AFL Executive Council.

"NEW COMMIE LINE" is to try to look respectable, but the AFL will be careful not to take in any Communist unions.—Geo. Meany.

WILLIAM R. CANNON, a member of Stereotypers 29, died here on January 22 at age 68 leaving his widow, Louise; a son, Fred C.; brothers, Charles, Conrad and Henry; and sisters, Mrs. Frank Featherstone, Mrs. Marie Van Dorn and Mrs. Frances Scanlon.

FREDERICK M. JACOB, a member of Stereotypers 29, died in Alameda on January 22 at age 68 leaving his widow, Louise; a son, Fred C.; brothers, Charles, Conrad and Henry; and sisters, Mrs. Frank Featherstone, Mrs. Marie Van Dorn and Mrs. Frances Scanlon.

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Carpenters Auxiliary Plans Social Feb. 11

By MARY NALL
Press Correspondent for
Carpenters Auxiliary 160

The Executive Board met at the home of Aline Haake. After a short meeting at which the activities of the Auxiliary for the next month were discussed, Aline served us delicious home made blueberry pie with whip cream. The next Board meeting will be with Agnes Anderson.

The regular social meeting was held on the 14th, and in spite of bad weather and so much sickness, there was a good crowd.

Josephine Wheeler home from the hospital where she underwent surgery. She is doing nicely but is not able to return to work. Flo Bartalini is at home now. She underwent surgery at the Alameda Hospital. She was an awful sick girl and is still only able to sit up part of the day. She has a long, slow pull ahead of her. Mae Bristow is in the hospital but is able to be around in a wheel chair. She is doing better than most of us expected. Keep up the good work Mae.

Clara Durrflinger has been sick but so far has avoided going to the hospital. Bea Cameron has moved to 3118 Brookdale Ave. Eleanor Clapp has been sick with a cold but is much better. Dora Harrington has returned from her year long trip in South America where she visited with her son. Glad to have you with us again Dora. Esther Dedmon's daughter has gone to Germany to be with her husband who is in the Service there.

Jean Kinney, Eleanor Clapp, Alta Benony, Mary Nall, gave a bridal shower for Beverly Bartalini at the Bartalini home. There were 36 present. We all had a grand time and were glad to have Chester there as host. He was still in the hospital. Deloris Bartalini who is a Nurse Supervisor in the Queen's Hospital in the Islands came home to nurse her mother.

Sewing Circle met with Mary Nall on the 25th. There were about 12 present. We had exchange of gifts (white elephant) everybody seemed pleased with their gifts and had a good time.

February 11, the Auxiliary Social will hold a dinner at Little Oscar's, 108 Grand Avenue at 6:30. All members are urged to be present.

Please call Mary Nall, Jean Kinney or Helen Lindahl if you are going.
The next sewing will be with Martha Light on February 22. This is a special affair, so be sure and be there.

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FREDERICK M. JACOB, a member of Stereotypers 29, died in Alameda on January 22 at age 68 leaving his widow, Louise; a son, Fred C.; brothers, Charles, Conrad and Henry; and sisters, Mrs. Frank Featherstone, Mrs. Marie Van Dorn and Mrs. Frances Scanlon.

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Watchmakers Seek S. J. Pact Changes

By GEORGE F. ALLEN
Following our notice to the employers in San Jose of the union's desire to change the San Jose contract, we held a preliminary meeting with Mr. J. Hale of the Employers Council of Santa Clara County who represents a few of the retail jewelers in San Jose. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the desired changes and we are awaiting further notice from Mr. Hale as to the next meeting.

We are pleased to report that some of the signed agreements from the employers in San Mateo County have already been returned to the office. All the agreements will have to be on or before the last day of February.

FOR SALE: — Robert O'Hara of the East Bay Watch Repair Service, 1540 San Pablo Avenue, Oakland, Calif. Tel: GLencourt 1-9738, has a watchmaker's bench and a bench lamp for sale reasonable. Anyone interested, please contact him.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING: The next meeting of the Executive Board will be held on Thursday, February 17 at 7 p.m.—Union Office, San Francisco.

**Cross Will Battle
Reactionary Group**

Mayor Laurence L. Cross of Berkeley announced this week that he will run for reelection for a third term in the April 5 municipal elections.

In making his announcement he said: "The forward looking things for which I have stood need representation in the Mayor's office. I have waited in vain for such a representative to appear. We are offered only the hand-picked, secret choice of those who have fought progress in this city for years."

It was assumed by labor people that Mayor Cross' remarks were drifting in the general direction of Claude B. Hutchinson, emeritus dean of the UC College of Agriculture, who was in close touch with the big reactionary farm interests during his years in that post, and with their allies in urban life.

CHARLES MOONEY, a member of Boilermakers 39, died here suddenly on February 3 at age 68 leaving his widow, Mildred; and a sister, Mrs. Jerry Moynicka.

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OPINIONS

'JOURNAL COMES AS A FRESH BREEZE'

Editor, Labor Journal:

I have read with great interest the issues of the Labor Journal of last year, particularly the excellent sections: Report to our Readers-Owners, editorials, and articles dealing with elections and the role of the labor movement, as well as those concerning the teaching profession.

I am doing some research in regard to teaching and wonder what arguments the writer of the teacher column can offer pro and con in the proposition that teachers should be free to join the A. F. of L.

It would also be interesting to hear an opinion whether teachers should be required to join an official teachers organization such as the National Education Association.

It comes like a fresh breeze of air to see the labor paper finally get out of the wisecracking stage, and offer stimulating reading.

Of course, the readers who enjoyed gossip, petty political and interunion feuds must be disappointed by now. But then, whatever you do, you can't satisfy all of the customers.

To some, I think, you speak meaningfully, in varying degrees, inevitably you are going to leave some of them cold, and annoy the rest of them. That is just the nature of the case.

Keep up your excellent work and continue to explain to the working people the hysteria of political witch hunts.

Sincerely
A. NIELSEN

Albany, Jan. 30

PUBLIC POWER

The private utility movement to destroy public power competition will have an adverse effect on power bills throughout the nation, the Langer Subcommittee has warned. Regulatory bodies are not sufficient to insure reasonably low rates, the subcommittee said. Parallel competition by public bodies is necessary to do that, it asserted.—Labor's Daily.

NEW TRIAD

Things look as if the immortal moral elan of the great revolution had petered out, and that we shall have a scientific social apparatus in which the triad of Faith, Hope, and Charity will be entirely replaced by the triad of Research, Insurance, and Management.—Karl Stern, quoted in Labor-Management Panel, published by University of San Francisco.

ACLU

Bravo to a contemporary, the Kentucky Labor News, for its forthright editorial praising and supporting the American Civil Liberties Union! It's the kind of editorial we see all too seldom in other labor papers in these "controversial" times.—Colorado Labor Advocate.

HIS SPARE TIME

Prime Minister Churchill, who is an author in his spare time, has completed a three or four volume "History of the English speaking Peoples".... The book follows his 5-volume history of World War II.—AP Dispatch from London.

'A BEAUT'

When I make a mistake, I make a beaut.—Fiorello La Guardia, when as a Mayor of New York he made a bad appointment.

WHAT FDR DIDN'T

Roosevelt did not sit stolidly, giving the jobless and hungry people the stony bread of States' rights to eat.—Labor's Daily.

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EDITORIALS

AP Dispatch from Washington Deflates Burkett's Gas Bag

Oakland Tribune published in one edition of January 30 an informative Associated Press dispatch on the estimated amount of jobless pay chiseling in the nation as a whole. We have looked in vain for it in other editions of that same date. If we're wrong, and just overlooked it, we'd be glad to publish an apology. But as things stand, we can't help but suspect that there were good reasons for the story being jerked out of other editions of a pro-Knight paper. For it contained these paragraphs:

"California, in particular, has been pushing a steady probe. It now claims more than 20 percent of benefits are being drawn improperly and State officials recently charged that nearly half the payments from the San Francisco office resulted from fraud.

"Washington officials are inclined to doubt the California figures on many scores, one being that other State survey results are nowhere near as high as California's.

"A sampling in 41 States up to mid-1954 indicated about 6% in wrong payments. This showed 3% due to innocent error of one kind or another and 3% due to wilful fraud—that is, claimant misrepresentation aimed at gyping the system.

"Officials say more recent samples in 8 States reflect some improvement, showing a 4.1% improper payment ratio consisting of 2.4% fraud and 1.7% error."

That's certainly a different story from the one that Governor Knight's Employment Director Burkett has been peddling, and his pal Assemblyman Levering, introducer of the 77 bills to implement Burkett's notions on how to wreck the unemployment insurance program.

Governor Knight better get off the dime and fire Burkett. Even the State Chamber of Commerce may get sore if Burkett keeps shouting phony statistics which imply that the working people of California are corrupt as compared to those in the other States of the Union!

But again we say: Let's keep our eye on the ball. The real goal to go after is to get the present inadequate \$30 weekly maximum unemployment benefit raised to \$50, the goal officially set by the State Federation of Labor at its 1954 convention.

Please, Goody, Try to Tell Truth!

Governor Knight was quoted in a February 3 Associated Press dispatch from Sacramento as telling the County Supervisors Association Institute on County Government that it is absolutely necessary to impose the various kinds of sales taxes he proposed in his budget message. He added, according to Associated Press:

"The only alternative would be abrupt increases in the tax rate on real estate, homes, factories, and other properties, all of which would be your responsibility."

That is an astonishing statement, even from the mouth of so confirmed a stooge of the big interests as Goody Knight.

How can a man say that "the only alternative" is an increased tax on real estate when this State collects only a measly 17% of its revenue from personal and corporate income taxes as compared with the 51.3% collected from personal and corporate income taxes by New York State and the 47.7% collected by Oregon from personal and corporate income taxes?

Over 60% of the revenue of this State is already collected from the various forms of sales tax. The sales tax hits the lower income groups the hardest of all taxes. Yet the Governor says the only thing to do is to load more sales taxes on us or to load the real estate owned by working people and others still more. And you can be sure the homes of working people would get soaked plenty if that deal were put over as "the only alternative."

New York and Oregon are not radical States, yet they get the bulk of their revenue from the people who have the money. Goody, we have heard, has some labor folk who supported him in the election and think he's the cat's whiskers. How about such folk pulling gently at one of those whiskers and whispering into the feline ear the facts of tax life?

The Snub Sneaky

Somehow we failed to get a thrill out of the news some time back that President and Mrs. Eisenhower had snubbed Joe McCarthy by failing to invite him to a White House reception which he was entitled to attend by virtue of his rank in the Senatorial hierarchy.

We prefer the way we suspect Harry Truman would have handled the McCarthy business. Harry would have stood up to the overgrown lad from Wisconsin from the start—in public—face to face. In short, he'd have nailed Mac's hide to the mast.

Then when the White House threw a party, and McCarthy's official place in the picture entitled him to it, he'd get an invitation, and Harry would have said, "Hello, Joe, how are you?"

As for FDR—well, somehow or other he'd have managed to pull the rug out from under McCarthy so early in the game that it would have never even been necessary to consider whether he should be invited.

But to be so bluffed by a blatherskite that you don't even praise your old friend George Marshall in the blatherskite's home State—and then to hide behind the walls of the White House and give the guy a sneaky snub!

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Injured Unionists Get Bigger Awards

Attorneys Joseph E. Smith and William S. Parrish in their January report to members of the Workmen's Compensation Insurance Plan tell of cases affecting members of Sheet Metal Workers 216 and Painters 40.

A sheet metal worker suffered a shoulder and hand injury while at work for which he received a 29% disability rating equal to \$3480. But he had a previous disability unrelated to his work, an amputation of a leg below the knee. The law provides that if the combination of a work injury and a previous injury gives a man a permanent disability of 70%, he gets added compensation.

This man now has been awarded a rating of 85% entitling him to \$10,200, at the rate of \$30 a week and a life pension of \$50 a month thereafter. This award, based on age and life expectancy, is estimated at over \$20,000.

A painter suffered an injury in 1948 for which he received a disability rating of 38%, equal to \$4620. Finally, just within the 5-year limit, a petition was filed for him, and the rating was increased from 38% to 65%, or a difference of \$3180.

Southern Melodies on Telephone Show Feb. 17

Melodies, depicting life in the Deep South of a hundred years ago will be featured on "This Is Your Music" Thursday, February 17.

The thirty minute show—which brings to TV viewers the songs of Stephen C. Foster—will be seen and heard on station KPXX-TV (Channel 5) at 7:00 P.M., said Dave Brown, Pacific Telephone district manager.

DANIEL J. BROWN, a member of Boilermakers 39, died here suddenly on February 1 leaving his widow, Virginia; a daughter, Mrs. Marion Soudree; sisters, Mrs. Imelda Baldwin and Mrs. Josephine I. Brown; and brothers, Adolph and Charles Beckman.

AFL Radio News On KGO Nightly

For the lowdown on the news behind the news listen in nightly, Monday through Friday, to the AFL's 15-minute radio news program on Station KGO (810 on the dial) at 7 p.m.

Edward P. Morgan, noted news analyst, is the commentator for the national AFL show.

Drafting Soldiers Easier 'n Liquor?

The culinary crafts, watching with interest the operations carried on under the new Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, took note last week of the retirement, before he ever took over, of Col. Kenneth H. Leitch, as first director of the new department.

Leitch was appointed by Governor Knight December 13, just before the Board of Equalization relinquished its liquor duties, but has been reported ill ever since. It was announced last week that he was still too sick to take over the job, but would return to his post as State Director of Selective Service.

Russell S. Munro, about whom little is known in labor circles, was appointed by Knight to the \$14,000 post. Munro was Deputy Public Works Director at the time of the new appointment.

IPP Resolves to Drag Along Without Ballot

The executive committee of the Independent Progressive Party meeting in Fresno has decided by a 52 to 3 vote to continue to function but to refrain from trying to get back on the ballot.

So few votes were polled by the IPP in the last election that its place on the ballot was lost.

A JAPANESE STUDENT will present his impressions of America before the Current Affairs class at Technical Adult School, Broadway at 42nd St., on Thursday, February 17, at 7:45 p.m. The public is invited.

WE DON'T PATRONIZE

The following persons and firms, after a thorough examination into the causes at issue, have been deemed unworthy of the patronage of members of organized labor and their friends:

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- Leonard's Refrigeration, Oakland
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- Electric Refrigeration Service, Oakland
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- Monti Tile Co., Albany
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Assemblyman Bee Tells Experiences County GOP Hears Lincoln, Endorses Knight Sales Tax

Carlos Bee, Assemblyman, 13th District told the Democratic Forum Luncheon Club last week the woes and wows of a freshman member of the Legislature. He dismissed the woes with a smile, and told of his wows with a laugh that was heartily echoed by all present.

At the outset he held up a monstrous volume, explaining that his speech would be brief, as he would read it out of the 1600 pages it contained. It proved to be the budget, and since Bee has been assigned to the all important finance group of the Assembly, the Ways and Means Committee, he said he had been struggling with the perusal of it for some time.

In deeply serious vein Bee paid tribute to the campaign made by Anga Bjornson for the State Senatorship. He pointed out that the Republicans made a tremendous noise about "their glamor girl, Mildred Younger," and spent quantities of money on her campaign, "yet she didn't make nearly as good a run as Anga, who had very little financial support for her campaign."

Bee, a member of the Assembly Elections Committee, commented also on the close run against the incumbent made by Bob Crown in the 14th Assembly District. Bee voted to give Crown a recount, but the majority of the committee voted against it.

Bee returns to Sacramento February 14 to work on the budget. The second session opens Monday, February 28. Bee, an educator, is new in the Legislature, but is accustomed to public life, as he served for years on the Hayward City Council, and for some years as Mayor of that city. He holds the place in the Assembly held for 12 years by Francis Dunn Jr., now a member of the Board of Supervisors.

City of Hope Bay Area Town Fair Group Busy

Contributions of new merchandise to be sold at the Bay Area Town Fair, a benefit project for the City of Hope at Duarte, are beginning to fill the warehouse space donated for its storage in advance of the February 25 Fair opening.

All of the merchandise will be sold at reduced prices during the four-day Fair at the Scottish Rite Auditorium, 1290 Sutter St., San Francisco.

WALTER G. ROSSON, a member of Bartenders 52, passed away in Berkeley on January 31 leaving his widow, June; and a son, L. P. Rossion of Arlington, Va.

The Alameda County Republican Assembly at a meeting Saturday adopted a resolution endorsing Governor Knight's tax program.

Knight has proposed that sales taxes on various items be imposed for the first time, or increased, as the case may be.

Knight the day before, according to an Associated Press dispatch, had told a group representing supervisors of the counties of the State that if his program of increasing sales taxes is not accepted, "the only alternative would be abrupt increases in the tax rate on real estate, homes, factories, and other properties, all of which would be your responsibility."

The Alameda County Republican Assembly before adopting its resolution endorsing Knight's sales tax program had heard an address by Speaker Luther H. Lincoln in which he declared that if "we use up the reserves in their entirety, we would then face 'A GENERAL INCREASE IN PERSONAL AND CORPORATE INCOME TAXES and/or the State sales tax the following year.'"

(Editor's Note: Capitalization of words ours. See editorial on page 4 entitled "Please, Goody, Try to Tell Truth" in which it is contended that, if the Associated Press report of Knight's remarks is correct, he grossly erred against the truth in failing to mention that an increase in personal and corporate income taxes, very unpopular with wealthy Republicans, is one alternative.

William Gampers Was Founder of the AFL in Southern California?

The Los Angeles Citizen, published by the Los Angeles Labor Council, is going to be a strong competitor at the next annual session of AFL editors in the State, for the Top Prize for Something or Other, or Maybe Something Else.

A 4-column headline on the first page of the February 4 issue proudly announced:

"Scab" Roof Taken from William Gampers School in S. D.

On page 5 the continuation story was headed:

"Scab" Roof is Removed From William Gampers School in S. D.

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